instructions already exist for the hiring of Central Warehousing Corporation and State Warehousing Corporation godowns in preference to others. This would apply to Tadepalligudem as well.

BPL families not covered under TPDS in Uttaranchal

3695. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families living under BPL in Uttaranchal which are not covered under the Target Public Distribution System;

(b) whether a large number of bogus BPL ration cards are in existence;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this behalf; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) As per the 1993-94 poverty estimation of the Planning Commission projected into the population figures of the Census Report of 2000, the estimated number of BPL households in Uttaranchal is 4.98 lakh (including AAY). The State Government of Uttaranchal has already indentified and issued ration cards for all the 4.98 lakh families including 1.15 lakh AAY.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. But bogus ration cards are verified and eliminated every month.

Procurement of Wheat

3696. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is low procurement of wheat in Punjab and Haryana compared to the last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?